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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 22, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Luc Tran was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Larry A. Burns to serve 120 months in custody, followed by five years of supervised release, based on his convictions on October 30, 2007 for Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and Ecstasy.

According to court documents, Luc Tran engaged in conspiracies with other defendants to distribute methamphetamine, cocaine, and ecstasy. Undercover federal agents conducted negotiations and purchased narcotics from several defendants on multiple occasions. In his plea agreement, Luc Tran admitted to being in charge of determining how much narcotics to sell and setting the price, as well as enlisting others to assist him with distributing narcotics. In total, Luc Tran admitted to distributing 305 grams of pure methamphetamine or "ice," 955.8 grams of cocaine, and 4,000 tablets of ecstasy.

United States Attorney Hewitt commended the outstanding work of the agents that investigated this matter. The arrests and the indictment were the culmination of a four-year joint investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Internal Revenue Service.

FBI Special Agent in Charge Keith Slotter commented, "Once again, cooperation between federal law enforcement agencies has effectively dismantled a criminal enterprise such as this one. We are relieved to have spared the community from more dangerous drugs hitting our streets and will continue in our efforts to make San Diego a safe place to call home."

DEA Special Agent in Charge Ralph Partridge stated that, "Luck wasn't a contributing factor in today's sentencing of this defendant from "Operation Lucky Deal." The combined efforts of the DEA, FBI, IRS and U.S. Attorney's Office are what led to the success of this investigation."

DEFENDANTS

Case Number: 06cr2450-LAB

Luc Tran

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

- Count 1 Conspiracy to Distribute Methamphetamine
 Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846

- Count 2 Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine
 Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846

- Count 3 Conspiracy to Distribute MDMA (Ecstasy)
 Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 846

- Counts 10-11 Distribution of MDMA (Ecstasy)
 Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1)

PARTICIPATING AGENCIES

Federal Bureau of Investigation
Drug Enforcement Administration
Internal Revenue Service